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(b) whether those workers who have retired after the transfer to Government in 1913 are being paid pension only;

(c) whether the income from the assets of the Lawrence Asylum Press is being utilized for charities other than those intended for the benefit of the workers and their families;

(d) whether the Government have at any time considered the payment of bonus to workers who have retired after 1913 and who may retire hereafter for the period of service in the Lawrence Asylum Press out of the funds ostensibly ear-marked for the purpose; and

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to examine the whole question and do justice to workers for their faithful and loyal services?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—

"(a) to (d) A report has been called for from the Superintendent, Government Press.

"(e) There is no such proposal under consideration now."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to place the report on the table of the House after the Superintendent's reply has been received?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—

"I am not in a position to reply before the report of the Superintendent has been received. I suggest that the hon. Member puts a question during the next session of the House and then I may be able to give an answer."

Distribution of quinine.

* 16 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Forests be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of quinine available for distribution in this Province;

(b) what the sources of supply of quinine are;

(c) whether the available supply is enough to meet this Province's absolute minimum demand;

(d) what steps, if any, are being taken to produce or obtain more quinine;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have withheld some stocks of quinine; and

(f) whether the Government propose to cause enquiries to be made about the adequacy or inadequacy of quinine supplies?

THE HON. SRI B. VEERASWAMI :—"(a) The quantities of anti-malarial products available for distribution in this Province for the current year are—

(1) 16,000 lb. of quinine sulphate.	For a period of 12 months from 1st February 1946.
(2) 16,000 lb. of cinchona febrifuge.	
(3) 2,000 lb. of totaquina.	

(4) 72,722 boxes of quinine bihydrochloride ampoules—6 ampoules each.	**For a period of one year from 1st April 1946.**
(5) 9,600,135 tablets of quinine substitutes.	

" (b) Government Quinine Factory, Naduvattam.

" (c) Yes, along with quinine substitutes and other cinchona products.

" (d) The area under cinchona in the Government plantations has been more than doubled within the last six years. The present area under cinchona is about 4,900 acres and the planting of cinchona in about 3,900 more acres during the next three years has been sanctioned. A new quinine factory is also under construction for the manufacture of more quinine and other cinchona products.

" (e) No information.

" (f) No, as quinine supplies are adequate."

Rationinig of millets.

* 17 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether in fixing the ration in villages especially in millet-eating areas the fact of wastage before the millets are fit for consumption has been taken note of ;

(b) what the allowance prescribed for wastage is;

(c) whether this allowance is included in fixing the ration ; and

(d) what the ration of various kinds of millets prescribed in the millet-eating areas is?

The Hon. Sri R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (a) Yes. A percentage is allowed to cover loss due to cleaning.

" (b) The allowance prescribed to cover loss due to wastage in respect of each variety of millets is given below :—

(i) Cholam (ii) Cumbu (iii) Ragi (iv) Korra	20 per cent.	(v) Varagu (vi) Samai (vii) Maize	50 per cent.

" (c) & (d) The allowance is not included in fixing the ration. When millets are issued as ration in the unhusked state, the quantity of each variety of millet to be given according to the scale of ration prescribed is increased by the percentage mentioned in the answer to clause (b)."